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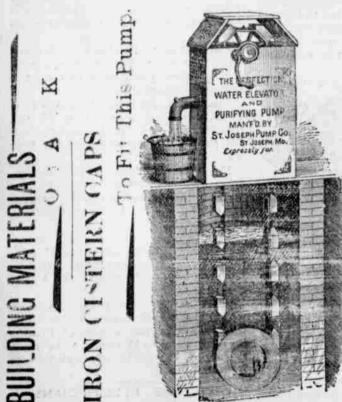
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NE CAN HARDLY tell from the photograph from which this picture was which the white which the black

man. The older man is an Italian by birth, and about twelve years ago, when he went to Soudan, he

Egyptian as fair a skin as any southern European. Exposure for years to tropical sun has made him as dark as the light colored natives male Diseases-Leucorrhes, Ulcera- from whose land he has just escaped. tion and Prolapsus. One month's it was lucky for him that the sun treatment, (\$2.00). THE OIL CURE changed his hue, for had his complexion remained fair he never could have quitted the capital of the fanatical Throat, (\$1.00). THE OIL for Ec- Mahdists and made his way for hunzems, (\$1.00. THE OIL CURE for dreds of miles north to the civilized world. The man is Rossignoli a missionnry who went to the east-Soudam as a missionary a short time Oils are prepared from the Formulas before the Mahdist revolt closed that have not since been able to get into it, nor have the unfortunate twenty or thirty Europeans who were in the country when Khartoum fell been able to get out. The only exceptions are Skin Diseases, Ulcers, Tumors and Consumption. The Oit Cure Co., 2S. pruce St., Nashville Fenn.

Skin Diseases, Ulcers, Tumors and Father Ohrwalder and two sisters, who fled three or four years ago and, after many hairbreadth escapes and much many hairbreadth escapes and much suffering, reached Cairo, and Father Rossignoli, whose arrival in Egypt was reported a few days ago.

Until a few months ago Father Rossignoli was living at Omdurman, the Mahdist capital. A number of the white captives who showed that they could make gunpowder or perform other skilled service were employed



ROSSIGNOLI AND GUIDE.

by the Mahdi, and are still at work for his successor and have been fairly well treated. Others have led miserable lives as slaves. One white man who escaped and was captured, suffered death by hanging. Some of the white women, including sisters of charity, have long been harem inmates. Other prisoners have been permitted to shift for themselves, picking up a living as best they might. They have made cakes or articles of clothing and peddled them on the streets, and have led a most unhappy and precarious existence. Rossignoli was one of these unfortunates.

He was a long time perfecting his plans for escape. He secured the friendship of the black Soudanese boy who is shown in the picture. The boy took his life in his hand when he agreed to help the friendless foreigner to get away from his bondage. He took the risk, however, partly from friendship and partly because he knew he would be handsomely rewarded if they ever reached Egypt together. He owned a cancel, and this animal was to be their means of transporta-

One day Rossignoli pretended to be 11. He remained in his hut, where several of his acquaintances called to see him. A little before nightfall he said he thought exercise would do him good, and so he started across the river take a walk among the ruins of Khartoum. When darkness came he reached the appointed rendezvous on he northern edge of the fallen capital, which, since the Mahdists killed Gen. Gordon and sacked the town, has been abandoned to bats and wild beasts. He found his faithful boy and the camel laden with sas or the ong journey down the 1 Then they started in the night on their forced march. There is no telegraph to intercept them, out there was danger that they would be overtaken and also that they would arouse suspicion

and be taken into custody. Very few particulars of Rossignoli's flight have yet been published. It is known, however, that, unlike Ohrwalder, who avoided the towns, he made straight for Berber, the largest settlement on the Nile between Omdurman and Egypt. He stopped there for two or three day to rest, and told everybody that he and his comrade were traveling to visit friends further north. Several times he thought his game was up, for he met people who were suspicious of his statements. He lived every hour in fear that he would be seen, cast into prison, and finally led back to Omdurman to certain death. He suffered great privations in the desert march north of Berber, and many a time his strength and courage were at the lowest ebb. But he strug-gled on, good luck befriended him, and at last, unkemt and almost dead from exhaustion as he was, he and his black boy staggered into the fortification at Wady Halfay. The long agony was over, and Rossignoli once more breathed free air.

It is said that a detailed account of his years of captivity among the der-vishes will be published will be pub-lished soon after his return to Europe. Meanwhile he has received a hearty welcome to Cairo. From that city was forwarded the photograph from which this picture has been made.



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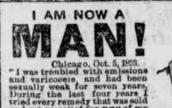
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